

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PORT OF GULFPORT RESTORATION PROGRAM

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION ENDORSING THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AND REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT AS ADOPTED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE PORT AT GULFPORT.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast and with neighboring states causing the greatest natural disaster ever to occur in the State of Mississippi and the United States, including almost complete destruction of the facilities and infrastructure of the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Chapter of the American Public Works Association exists to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain, and improve our communities; and


WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Public Works Association and its members that restoration and redevelopment of the Port at Gulfport is essential to the continued economic recovery and development of the entire State from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport has adopted a concept that focuses on restoration and redevelopment of the Port facilities in such a way as to maintain and protect investment by existing customers at the Port; facilitate and maximize the future growth of Port operations through private investment; and seeks to minimize the potential for community displacement or disruption caused by future storms; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and redevelopment of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport would allow and accommodate future growth of Port facilities which could foster new and better jobs, a higher quality of life, and business and economic development opportunities across Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Chapter of the American Public Works Association supports the restoration and redevelopment plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport and finds that it aligns with and enhances our organization's creed to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain, and improve our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mississippi Chapter of the American Public Works Association does hereby express its support for the concept by the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport for restoration and redevelopment of the State Port at Gulfport.


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